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## OLR Bill Analysis

**sSB 804 (File 478, as amended by Senate "A")\***

### ***AN ACT CONCERNING A PREFERENCE FOR CONNECTICUT GROWN PROTEIN IN CERTAIN STATE CONTRACTS.***

#### **SUMMARY:**

By law, the Department of Administrative Services commissioner must generally purchase or contract for all supplies and materials needed by state agencies. This bill requires him to give preference to beef, pork, lamb, and fish raised or produced in Connecticut if these compare in cost to those grown or produced outside the state when he is purchasing or contracting for such products. The law already requires him to give preference to Connecticut-grown or produced dairy products, poultry, eggs, fruits, and vegetables.

The bill also requires the Department of Agriculture (DoAG) commissioner, upon request of any farmers' market, to include the market (1) on any list of farmers' markets that appears on DoAG's website and (2) in any promotional material about farmers' markets that DoAG publishes or distributes.

\*Senate Amendment "A" adds the farmers' market provision.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference

Yea 28 Nay 0 (03/04/2013)

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 14 Nay 0 (03/27/2013)